There are various forms of output initiation instructions on the printer. The printer can cope with a case where the output initiation instruction is part of the status information data, and where the host computer acquires the status information data containing the output initiation instruction. The printer can cope with a case where the output initiation instruction is a trigger output, and where the host computer monitors the trigger. There are various constitutions for users to give the output initiation instruction on the printer. As an example, the invention is the printer in which the output initiation instruction unit includes a predetermined instruction button. Multiple operation of the instruction button gives the output initiation instruction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 16, with the following text:

In the invention, the printer includes the predetermined instruction button, the multiple operation of which gives the output initiation instruction. In other words, while it is preferable that the hardware mounted in the printer be less to make the printer simple in structure, the instruction button can be easily constituted. The number of instruction buttons can be small if different functions are determined by the number of times they are pushed. Specifically, different functions can be achieved by the instruction buttons being pushed once and twice within a predetermined unit time.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 2, with the following text:

The status information to be printed for confirmation includes the information on the toner that decreases gradually as the printing operation goes on and the information on the mounted memory that will not decrease once the power is turned on. For this reason, the invention is the printer in which the status information acquisition unit on the printer's side acquires fixed status information only when the printer is booted, and this unit acquires sequentially updated status information when the status is updated.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 12, with the following text:

In the invention, the status information is not acquired uniformly. Although the fixed status information is acquired only when the printer is booted, the status information that may be successively updated is acquired every time the status is updated. Thus, the processing burden that acquires the status information is reduced.

Page 34, line 15, delete in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 34, last line, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, by generating the printing data based on the dot image data, the font ROM becomes unnecessary on the printer, the processing based on the page description language in the processor becomes unnecessary, and the printer composition becomes simple. These make an answer to the printer of a low cost model.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 6, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, the initiation instruction of the status information output can be easily given.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 8, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, the initiation instruction of the status information output can be easily given.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 10, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, the user can confirm whether the status information is to be printed in the unprintable state.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 13, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, the status sheet can accurately show the communication mode at all times.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 15, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, the processing burden can be mitigated by minimizing the individual image generation processing. Especially the processing of creating the form from the default file can be simplified since it takes advantage of the operating system function.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 20, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, with the processor it is not to generate the printing data, neither is it necessary to perform the processing based on the Page Description Language. The font ROM becomes unnecessary. As a result, the printer composition can be more simplified.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 1, with the following text:

Especially, in accordance with the invention, the printer of low processing capability can be available because the composition minimizes the amount of the information to be updated, making a processing burden mitigated.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 5, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, a printing controller, which enables a simple and low-cost printer to print the status information, can be offered.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 8, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, a status information printing method, which enables a simple and low-cost printer to print the status information, can be offered.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 11, with the following text:

In accordance with the invention, a status information printing system, which enables a simple and low-cost printer to print the status information, can be offered.